

7. Rewrite the following, so as to avoid its faults:—

“From some academic contests he had been engaged in, during his living in Christchurch in Oxford, where he was always of the first eminency, he had, by the natural faction and animosity of those disputes, fallen under the reproach of holding some opinions which were not then grateful to those churchmen who had the greatest power in ecclesiastical promotions; and some sharp answers and replies he used to make in accidental discourses, and which in truth were made for mirth and pleasantness’ sake, as he was of the highest facetiousness, were reported and spread abroad to his prejudice: as, being once asked by a grave country gentleman, who was desirous to be instructed what their tenets and opinions were, what the Arminians held, he pleasantly answered that they held all the best bishoprics and deaneries in England, which was quickly reported abroad as his definition of the Arminian tenets.”

8. Punctuate the following passage:—

This island is now the property of the stamford family having been won it is said in a raffle by sir — stamford during the stock-gambling mania of the south-sea scheme the history of this gentleman may be found in an interesting series of questions unfortunately not yet answered contained in the notes and queries this island is entirely surrounded by the ocean which here contains a large amount of saline substance crystallising in cubes remarkable for their symmetry and frequently displays on its surface during calm weather the rainbow tints of the celebrated south-sea bubbles the summers are oppressively hot and the winters very probably cold but this fact cannot be ascertained precisely as for some peculiar reason the mercury in these latitudes never shrinks as in more northern regions and thus the thermometer is rendered useless in winter the principal vegetable productions of the island are the pepper tree and the bread-fruit tree pepper being very abundantly produced a benevolent society was organised in london during the last century for supplying the natives with vinegar and oysters as an addition to that delightful condiment [note received from dr d p] it is said however that as the oysters were of the kind called natives in england the natives of sumatra in obedience to a natural instinct refused to touch them and confined themselves entirely to the crew of the vessel in which they were brought over this information was received from one of the oldest inhabitants a native himself and exceedingly fond of missionaries he is said also to be very skilful in the cuisine peculiar to the island.

9. Spell the words dictated by the Supervisor.

Part of Paper on English Grammar and Composition.—For Class D.

9. The Supervisor will be so good as to read through and then slowly dictate to the candidates the following words: Octosyllabic, sacrilegious, cavilling, ochre, nuncio, quiescent, abscess, proviso, tyrannous, contumely, idiosyncrasy, sciatica, excursive, vicissitude, obloquy, gnostic, dilettanteism, censorious, impugn, paralytic.

English Grammar and Composition.—For Class E, and for Junior Civil Service. Time allowed: 3 hours.

1. As a test of spelling, write the words and sentences dictated by the Supervisor.

2. Correct or justify the manner in which the following words are divided, giving your reasons in each case: Advi-ser, democ-racy, trus-tee, geo-graphy, extrav-agant, trans-crypt, subur-ban, trans-itive, vigi-lance, glob-ule, ill-egal, hil-lock.

3. Distinguish, with full explanation, the character of the clauses or sentences introduced by “when” in: I was at home when he came. When did he come? I did not know when he would go. It is a pity he came at the very time when I was absent.

4.

These things to hear

Would Desdemona seriously incline;
But still the house affairs would draw her thence;
Which ever as she could with haste despatch
She’d come again, and with a greedy ear
Devour up my discourse: which I observing,
Took once a pliant hour, and found good means
To draw from her a prayer of earnest heart
That I would all my pilgrimage dilate,
Whereof by parcels she had something heard,
But not intently.

Explain the construction of “which I observing.” What is the antecedent to “which”?

Are “would” and “could,” as they occur in the above passage, principal or auxiliary verbs?

Give your reasons.

Parse—*ever, as, devour, once, whereof.*

Write the passage in your own words, so as to show that you understand the meaning.

5. Punctuate the following:—

Tom she said at last in high glee Tom what now said Tom will you look here a moment please as if he hadn’t been looking all the time I am going to begin Tom don’t you wonder why I butter the inside of the basin not more than you do I dare say replied Tom laughing for I believe you don’t know anything about it what an infidel you are Tom how else do you think it would turn out easily when it was done for a civil engineer and land surveyor not to know that my goodness Tom it was wholly out of the question to try to write Tom sat looking on pen in hand with one of the most loving smiles imaginable.